The known and unknown of stroke

Each year 795,000 people in the U.S. have a stroke.¹

STROKE is an interruption of blood flow to the brain. Without oxygen-rich blood, brain cells die.

TYPES OF STROKE

Ischemic occurs when a clot or mass blocks a blood vessel, cutting off blood flow to a part of the brain.¹

Hemorrhagic occurs when a weakened blood vessel, like an aneurysm, ruptures and spills blood into the brain.¹

13% 87%

ABOUT 1 in 3 ischemic strokes are classified as CRYPTOGENIC, meaning the CAUSE IS UNKNOWN.²

FINDING THE CAUSE & SECONDARY STROKE RISK FACTORS

POSSIBLE HIDDEN CAUSES

While some patients may continue to have the cause of their stroke unknown, a cause or secondary stroke risk factors may be revealed with further testing.

Irregular heartbeat (Atrial Fibrillation)

AFib patients are at a 5X greater risk for stroke.¹

Heart structure problem (such as Patent Foramen Ovale)

Hardening of the arteries (Large Artery Atherosclerosis)

Blood clotting disorder (Thrombophilia)

FIND THE FACTS at stroke.org/unknowncause


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